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The Story Thus Far...

This is the tale of the Vampire King Duzell and his quest for revenge against the good King Phelios, a valiant warrior who slew the vampire a century ago. Now Duzell has returned, reincarnated as a feline foe to deliver woe to... well, that's the problem. Who is the reincarnation of King Phelios?

For the people of Zi Alda, Prince Yujel has been missing in action for several years. What they don't know is that he's been alive and well, teaching magic to Princess Ishtar and calling himself Yujinn. The princess, Duzell and Darres are all in the dark as well. So, when Yujinn arrives in Zi Alda and reveals that he's been living a dual life, it's understandable that some people might be a little upset. However, one of those people is the not-so-lovely Lady Leene, and as anyone who values their existence could tell you, you really don't want to make Leene mad.

Ishtar didn't come to Zi Alda looking for trouble, but trouble has a way of catching up with our beloved princess. With Leene mistakenly believing that her beloved Yujel has fallen in love with Ishtar, trouble has not only caught up with Ishtar, it's wrestled her to the ground and given her a mean set of noogies. Possessing a triptych of poisonous pills, each destructive in its own way, Leene has the ways and means to do away with Ishtar...permanently.

However, as we all know, Ishtar doesn't love Yujinn, she loves Darres. And in a fit of perfect irony, it's been revealed that Yujinn loves Darres as well. Duzell, meanwhile, has been busy contending with a former lover of his own—the Vampire Countess Diaage. And where does Vord fit into this show of amorous antics? You got us.





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Act.10





What
the...?

I THOUGHT
ABOUT IT
ALL NIGHT,
AND I'M
GOING TO
NAME HIM
PUCENTRO.



PURE...
ERR...POO...
I MEAN...



NO!
PUCENTRO!



SO,
LEENE...

...WHAT
ARE
YOU
GOING
TO CALL
HIM?

HIS NAME IS
PUCENTRO!
SAY IT!
PU-CEN-TRO!

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SO, ARE YOU
READY FOR A
RIDE, POO...
UM...POOKY?

Hmph!

ㄥ

PUCENTRO
WAS THE
EVER-
FAITHFUL
MOUNT
OF THE
GODDESS
SORARIARAM!
IT'S
PERFECT!

THAT'S
A
GREAT
NAME!

DON'T
YOU
THINK SO,
GUYS?

UH,
WELL

Yes!

Absolutely!

It's damn
near angelic!



WE
PASSED
THAT
POINT
DAYS
AGO.



YOU COULD
HAVE STOPPED
IT, YOU KNOW.
PERSONALLY,
I THINK YOU
LIKED WATCHING
ISHTAR SWEAT.

OH YES,
THE
"KILLER
HORSE."



I CAN'T
QUITE PUT
MY FINGER
ON IT...

...BUT...


...LEENE'S
UP TO
SOMETHING.
AND IF WE
DON'T STOP
HER, WE
COULD BE
LOOKING AT
A POLITICAL
DISASTER.

THIS ISN'T A
LAUGHING
MATTER.



OR AT
THE VERY
LEAST, A
REALLY
CRANKY
PRINCESS.

RELAX.
LEENE'S
ALWAYS
UP TO
SOMETHING.
LET HER HAVE
HER FUN.
WE'LL STEP
IN IF IT GETS
DANGEROUS.




LEENE DID TOO, IN A WAY.

I'M SORRY YOU SUFFERED FOR ME.

BUT I MADE SURE ASHLEY GOT WHAT HE WANTED. AT YOUR EXPENSE.

AT BOTH OF YOUR EXPENSES.


.....



I KNEW HOW EVERYBODY FELT.

JUST THAT, OUT OF ALL THE MEN I'VE KNOWN-- EVEN THE ONES I'VE LOVED-- ASHLEY WAS THE ONLY ONE I COULD CALL A FRIEND.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?



THIS IS DIFFERENT.



LEENE HAS NEVER PLAYED WELL WITH OTHERS. SHE'S BEEN THAT WAY SINCE WE WERE KIDS.

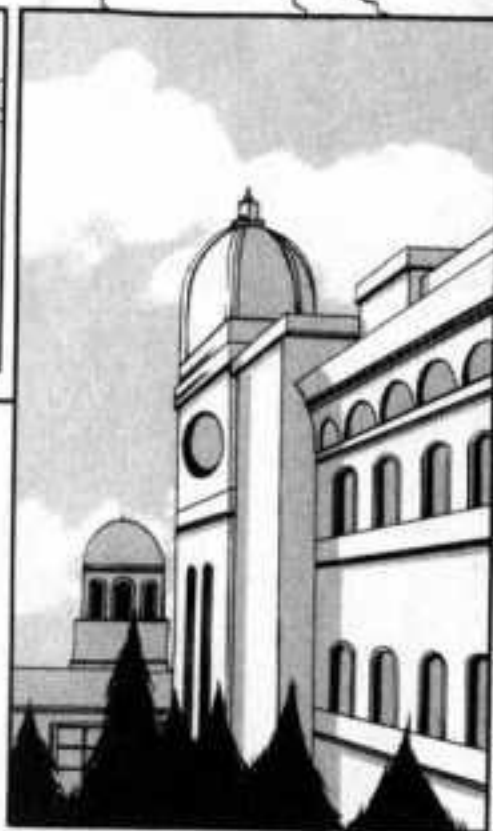
I SUPPOSE...

QUIT ACTING SURPRISED. I KNOW HOW YOU FELT ABOUT ASHLEY. HOW YOU STILL FEEL ABOUT HIM.

...BUT IF I LET YOUR JEALOUSY COLOR MY JUDGMENT, WE COULD END UP WITH A SCANDAL OUR GRANDCHILDREN WILL BE TALKING ABOUT.



!





YOU'RE
VERY KIND
FOR TRYING
TO
PROTECT ME,
BUT I KNOW
WHAT'S
HAPPENING.
I CAN FEEL
IT. AND I'M
NOT
AFRAID.



NONSENSE!
YOU HAD
A LITTLE...
UH... HEART
FLUTTER.
YOU JUST
NEED TO
REST.



WHEN
MY
TIME
COMES...



...I'M
READY.
I'VE HAD
THE MOST
WONDERFUL
OF LIVES.



BUT LENGTHENING
HER CURRENT
LIFE, THAT'S A
DIFFERENT MATTER
ALTOGETHER.



YOU'VE
BEEN SO
KIND, BUT
BE HONEST
WITH ME.
I'M DYING,
AREN'T I?



DOCTOR...



IT WOULD BE
SO EASY TO GIVE
HER A NEW LIFE...
AN EXISTENCE
INDIFFERENT TO
THE TYRANNY
OF TIME.





THAT'S THE
MOST
SELFISH
THING I'VE
EVER HEARD!



...I'M
LOOKING
FORWARD TO
SEEING MY
HUSBAND
AGAIN. I
HAD A DREAM
ABOUT HIM.
HE WAS
WAITING
FOR ME.



ISHTAR
LOVES YOU!
SHE NEEDS
YOU TO
LIVE!

YOU MIGHT
NOT CARE IF
YOU LIVE
OR DIE, BUT
THERE ARE
PEOPLE HERE
THAT STILL
NEED YOU!



I HAVE NO
REGRETS,
AND WHILE
I'LL MISS...

...IN SPITE OF
A ROYAL DECREE
DEMANDING THAT
I MARRY...

...A
DESCENDANT
OF SAINT
PHELIOS.

I WAS EVEN
BLESSED WITH
A CHILD.

...RECOVER...

LOVE?



HE TOLD
ME...

...FINALLY
CAME TO
SEE ME LAST
NIGHT.

MY
SON...



YOU'D
DO ANYTHING
FOR...



ISHTAR?



DOCTOR...

...I
BELIEVE
YOU'RE
THE ONE
WITH THE
FLUTTERING
HEART. IT'S
A COMMON
SIDE EFFECT
OF BEING
IN LOVE.



AND
I'D DO
ANYTHING
FOR HER!

ANYTHING!



THE RULE
RICH CAUSES
PARADOXES.

I'LL JUST DROP
IT IN RUCENTRO'S
WATER AFTER
THE RIDE.





PARALYZING YOUR
HORSE WON'T DO A
BLOODY THING FOR
ME.



WHOA,
BOY!
EASY...



YEEEE-
HAAAW!

HE JUST
GOT A
LITTLE
SPOOKED,
IS ALL...

PUCENTRO
IS MY HORSE.
AND I WILL
RIDE HIM.



I'M
SORRY,
MILADY!

BUT IT LOOKS
LIKE HE'S
STILL GOT A
WILD STREAK
IN HIM.



WHAT
PART OF
"WHOA"
DON'T
YOU
UNDER-
STAND?!

SLOW
DOWN!
WHOA!
WHOA!



NOOO!

MAYBE
YOU
COULD
RIDE MY
HORSE
TODAY?



LET ME
WORK HIM
A LITTLE
MORE.

I'LL HAVE
HIM PRANCING
LIKE A SHOW
PONY IN NO
TIME.





HEY!
LOOK AT
THAT!



LADY
LEENE?
ARE YOU
OKAY? I
THINK HER
MOUTH HAS
SWOLLEN
SHUT.

IF YOU
ASKED ME,
I'D HAVE
THOUGHT
THE HORSE
WOULD BE
RIDING YOU
BY NOW!

WOW,
LEENE!
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT!



...THERE'S NO
STOPPING
HER. KIND
OF LIKE
ANOTHER
PAIN-IN-
THE-ASS
I KNOW.

I CAN SEE
WHY LEENE
CAUSES SO
MUCH TROUBLE.
WHEN SHE
PUTS HER MIND
TO SOMETHING...

AND NEXT
WEEK,
WE'LL
CANTER,
THEN
GALLOP...

WHAT A
GOOD
PUCENTRO!

MAYBE
TOMORROW
HE'LL
EVEN LET
ME RIDE
HIM!

HE LET
ME GET
ON!

...AND IN A
MONTH OR
SO, WE'LL
RIDE CLEAR
ACROSS ZI
ALDA!









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南領篇
Act.11





.....



LEENE...



HEE,
HEE,
HEE!
♡



...OF
YOUR
RIDING
PART-
NER...
WHAT
DO
YOU
THINK...

...PRINCESS
ISHTAR?



AND
THEN...

...EVEN
AFTER I HAD
WASHED AND
RUBBED
HIM DOWN,
PUCENTRO
STILL DIDN'T
WANT ME TO
LEAVE!

SO HE
KICKED
OUT MY
KNEECAPS!
ISN'T THAT
JUST THE
CUTEST?!



I
THINK...

...I'LL
TAKE HIM
SOME CAR-
ROTS AFTER
DINNER.
JUST SO
HE KNOWS
I HAVEN'T
FORGOTTEN
ABOUT
HIM.



THOSE
ARE SOME
PRETTY
HARSH
WORDS.

SOUNDS
LIKE YOU
DON'T
THINK
MUCH OF
HER.



WELL,
SHE'S NOT
WITHOUT
HER
CHARMS.



SHE HAS
NO GRACE
WHATSOEVER!
NOT TO
MENTION SHE'S
FLAT AS A
WASHBOARD...

AND
SHE'S SO
FORWARD!

THE
ONLY
THING
RESERVED
ABOUT OUR
PRINCESS
IS HER SEAT
ON THE
PHELIOSTAN
THRONE!

I COULDN'T
POISON MY
PUCENTRO, BUT
WHY DID I FREAK
OUT AND THROW
AWAY THE BLUE
PILL? I'M SURE
I COULD HAVE
FOUND SOMEONE
ELSE TO USE
IT ON!



I THINK SHE'S
NOWHERE NEAR
MISERABLE
ENOUGH FOR MY
TASTES. THAT'S
WHAT I THINK!

WHAT
DO I
THINK OF
ISHTAR?

THAT WAS STUPID.
DIAAGE WOULD
PROBABLY TURN
ME INTO A TOAD IF
SHE FOUND OUT
ABOUT THAT. I
REALLY NEED TO
REIN IN MY
TEMPER.

TRUST
ME...

SHE
MAY CALL
HERSELF A
PRINCESS,
BUT
THERE'S
NOTHING
LADYLIKE
ABOUT
HER.

REALLY?
YOU
THINK
SHE'S A
TOMBOY?



SHE'S
KIND OF
MASCULINE.





OTHER PEOPLE MAY NOT LIKE YOU.

YOU MAY NOT LIKE YOURSELF.

BUT I LOVE YOU.

I ALWAYS HAVE. I ALWAYS WILL.



LEENE...



PERHAPS IF YUUJEL WASN'T IN LOVE WITH HER, THE PRINCESS AND I COULD BE...



I SUPPOSE NOT, DEAR HUSBAND. SHE'S JUST LIKE ANY OTHER WOMAN--ABSOLUTELY PATHETIC.

I GUESS THE PRINCESS AND I HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON AFTER ALL.



...JUST THAT SHE'S SO DIFFERENT. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S BECAUSE SHE'S AN ORPHAN OR A PRINCESS OR...

IT'S...

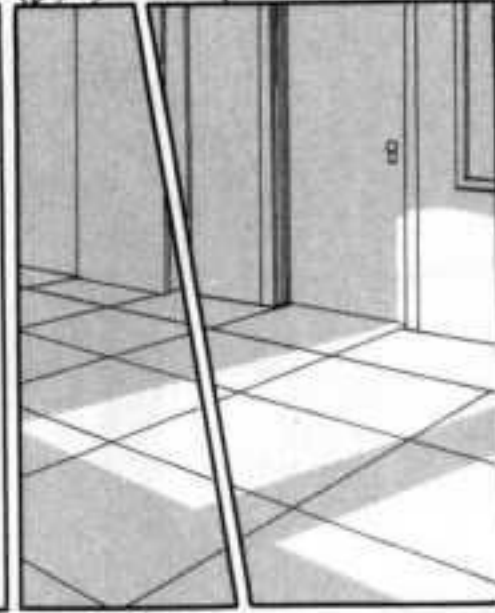


HMM...

DO YOU THINK THE PROBLEM IS GEOGRAPHIC? THE PRINCESS CAN'T BE THAT DIFFERENT, CAN SHE?

SHE'S DEFINITELY NOT ONE OF THESE CLINGY, FEEBLE LITTLE GIRLS WE RAISE AROUND HERE.





HMM... MAYBE IF I JUST CHOSE SOMEONE REALLY UGLY AND ANNOYING...







CAN THIS
REALLY BE
THE SAME
LITTLE
MONSTER...

...AND HIDE
SPITTING LIZ-
ARDS IN SIR
KELD'S BED-
PAN?







LIFE'S TOO SHORT TO SPEND ALL OF IT SOBER. GETTING DRUNK IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL.

YOU SEE, JILL, YOU NEED TO LEARN TO LET LOOSE EVERY NOW AND THEN.

AND MY SOUL IS JUST ABOUT PRISTINE!



CAPTAIN, YOU SURE THIS WAS A GOOD IDEA? I MEAN, WE CAN BARELY KEEP HER FROM DANCING ON THE TABLES AND MAKING A COMPLETE ASS OUT OF HERSELF WHEN SHE'S SOBER.



BESIDES, THE RATE I'M PUTTING THESE BACK, ISHTAR WON'T BE THE ONLY ONE DANCING ON TABLES.

C'MON! YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IT LIKE IT'S A BAD THING!

IF WE HAD TRIED TO STOP HER, SHE WOULD'VE SNUCK OUT. SO WE MIGHT AS WELL SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE SHOW!



Ha ha haaaw!





YOU
KNOW,
CAPTAIN...

...I MUST
ADMIT THAT
I'VE CHANGED
MY MIND
ABOUT VORD.
HE WOULD
BE A GOOD
MATCH FOR
ISHTAR.

AND THE
PRINCE OF
MIL SEII?
NOT
EXACTLY
HER TYPE...
AND FOR
THAT HE
SHOULD BE
PROUD.



WELL...

...I CAN'T
SEE HER
HOOKING UP
WITH THE PRINCE
OF ZI ALDA.
THE PRINCESS
ISN'T THE TYPE
TO SHARE HER
KING WITH
HALF OF
PHELIOSTA.

SO, OUT OF
THE THREE
PRINCES OF
LA NAAN...

SIR
VORD IS
CAPABLE OF
CARRYING
ON A
CONVERSATION
AND HE DOESN'T
WEAR A DRESS.
THE GUY GETS
MY VOTE!





I TRIED...

BUT IT WAS MORE LIKE
A DECLARATION THAN A
CONVERSATION.

I'LL
NEVER LET
ANYONE ELSE
HAVE YOU!
EVER!
REMEMBER
THAT!!



I TOLD YOU
THAT NO
MATTER
WHAT
HAPPENED,
YOU WOULD
ALWAYS BE
THE MAN I
LOVED!



THAT HORSE
NEVER REALLY
HAD A CHANCE.
LEENE COULD
TEACH A MULE
A THING OR
TWO ABOUT
STUBBORN.

...BUT
SHE
JUST
DUSTED
HERSELF
OFF...

...AND GOT
RIGHT BACK
ON. I DON'T
THINK SHE
CAN RIDE
HIM YET,
BUT SHE
HASN'T
GIVEN
UP.



SOMETIMES
I WORRY
ABOUT HER.

OH,
COME
NOW...

GIVE YOUR
MOM SOME
CREDIT,
YUUJEL.
HAVE YOU
TRIED
TALKING
TO LEENE?



HEE
HEE!

I SUPPOSE
YOU'RE
RIGHT. WHEN
THAT GIRL
GETS
AN IDEA IN
HER HEAD,
THERE'S
JUST NO
CHANGING
HER
MIND.



MOTHER,
YOU
DON'T
KNOW
THE
HALF
OF IT.



YOU MUST TALK TO ASHLEY, AND THE TWO OF YOU MUST DECIDE WHAT TO DO ABOUT LEENE.

IT'S DIFFICULT. I REALIZE THAT. BUT YOU'RE AN ADULT NOW. YOU CAN'T KEEP RUNNING FROM YOUR PROBLEMS. AND I KNOW YOU CARE ABOUT THEM...



NEVER COULD KEEP ANYTHING FROM YOU.

YOU'RE RIGHT, OF COURSE.



AND WHAT ABOUT ASHLEY? HAVE YOU TALKED TO HIM?

YUUJEL, I APPRECIATE ALL THE TIME YOU'VE BEEN SPENDING WITH ME LATELY...

...BUT I THINK YOUR VISITS HAVE AS MUCH TO DO WITH AVOIDING ASHLEY...

...AS THEY DO WITH CATCHING UP WITH ME.







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THIS MORON'S SO DRUNK I COULD JUMP ON HIS LAP AND FLASH HIM, AND I DOUBT HE'D NOTICE...



...DROP THE PILL IN HIS DRINK.

BUT I CAN'T LET ANYONE ELSE SEE ME...



AND ABOVE ALL ELSE, I CAN'T CHICKEN OUT.



THEY'RE ALL
TOTALLY
SLOSHED.



HEY
VORD!

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
SHE SEES IN
THIS IDIOT.

I DOUBT VORD
WILL EVEN
NOTICE HE'S
GONE BLIND
UNTIL
TOMORROW
MORNING.



BOTTOMS
UP, YOU
LIGHTWEIGHT!

Which,
come to
think of it,
isn't all that
different
from Ishita.

MOST OF THE TIME HE
OPENS HIS MOUTH, IT'S
TO BELCH, AND THE
FEW TIMES HE HAS
TRIED TO SPEAK
HE'S BEEN UTTERLY
INCOHERENT.





I THINK
THAT'S
OUR CUE.



LET'S GET
HER OUT
OF HERE
BEFORE
SHE
STARTS
TAKING
OFF HER
CLOTHES.

YEAH, SHE'S
COMPLETELY
TANKED.



GREAT
IDEA. ANY
SUGGESTIONS
ON HOW?



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WHAT?!
YOU
CAN'T
BE
DONE!

WHAT
SORT OF
MAN QUILTS
AFTER
EIGHT
PINTS?!
YOU DRINK
LIKE A
LITTLE
GIRL!



One Ishtar is
bad enough,
and I'm seeing
double!

NAH,
I'M
DONE!



YOU ARE A
LITTLE GIRL,
AREN'T YOU?!
YOU'RE REALLY
PRINCESS VORD!
THAT'S WHY
YOU LIKED ME
BETTER WHEN
YOU THOUGHT
DUZIE WAS
ME!!!







OR
DO YOU
HAVE A
MESSAGE
FOR MY
MOTHER?

OUT FOR A
MIDNIGHT
STROLL? I
PREFER THE
WATER
GARDENS
MYSELF.

HELLO,
ASHLEY.

NEITHER.



DRINK
UP!
LESSEE
YOU
POUND
'EM,
SISTER!

LEENE!
SHOW THISH
LITTLE GIRLY
MAN HOW A
REAL LADY
DRINKS!



P-P-POUND
'EM?



ISHTAR,
PEOPLE MAY
CALL YOU
"HIGHNESS,"
BUT THAT'S
NOT A
LITERAL
TITLE!



YOU MUST
TALK TO
ASHLEY...

...AND THE
TWO OF
YOU MUST
DECIDE
WHAT TO
DO ABOUT
LEENE.



SHE
SAID
SHE
HAD
SOMETHING
IMPORTANT
TO
DISCUSS.



LADY
SONIA
SENT
FOR
ME.



ASHLEY?

LET'S
GO TO
MY
ROOM.

I THINK
A BIT OF
PRIVACY
MAY
BE IN
ORDER.



SHE
CALLED
YOU, BUT
I'M THE
ONE WHO
NEEDS TO
TALK TO
YOU.



SHE'S
NOT
LEAVING
ANYTHING
TO
CHANCE.

HEH,
HEH...

MOTHER...



I DON'T HAVE TO--
HIC--
REMINDE YOU
THAT IT'S
TREASHON
TO DISHOBEY
A ROYAL
DECREE.



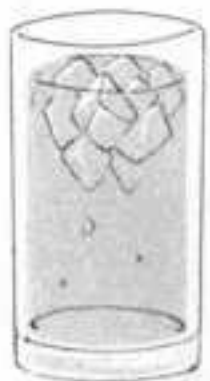
YOUR
HIGHNESS!
ARE YOU
TRYING TO
GET ME
DRUNK?



TREASON?



I GUESS
I HAVE NO
OTHER
CHOICE BUT
TO HUMOR
HER.



THIS ISN'T
GOOD.
EVERYBODY'S
LOOKING
AT US!

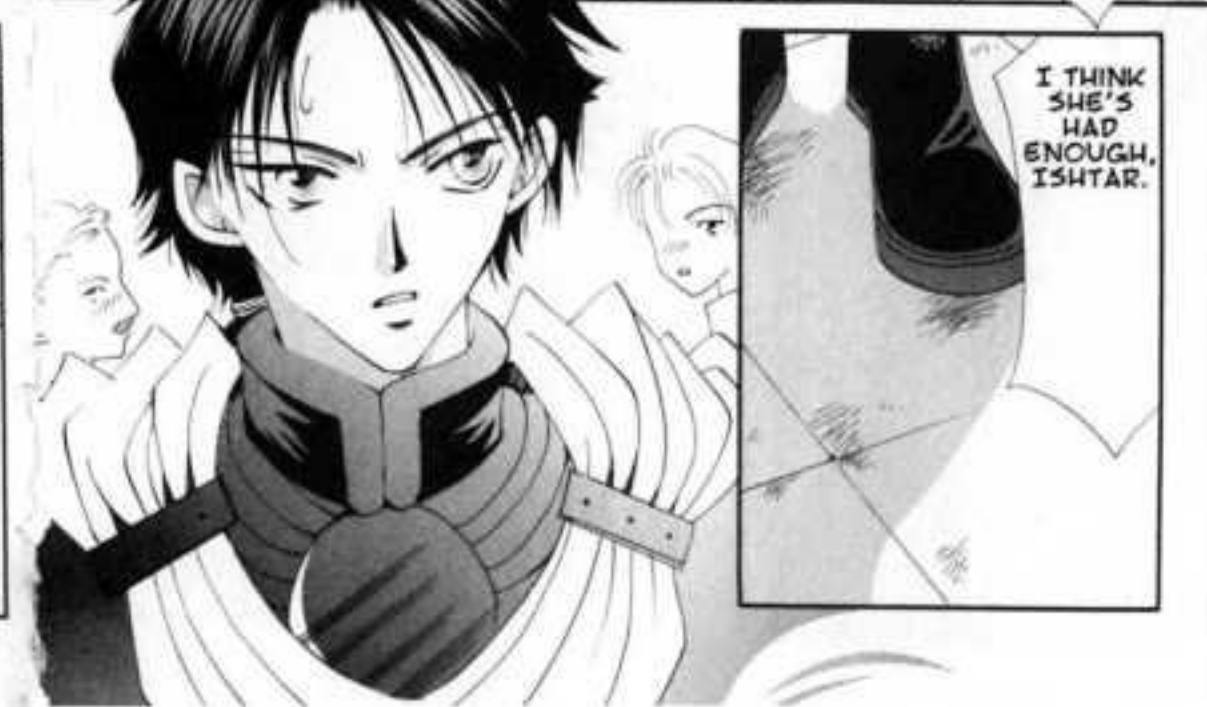
I DON'T
WANT TO
MAKE
ANYONE
SUSPICIOUS.

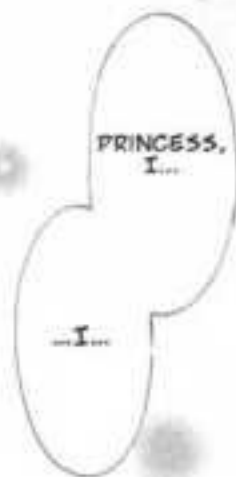


LET ME
JUST MAKE
SURE LEENE
DOESN'T
NEED
ANYTHING
ELSE.



HE DOESN'T
TRUST ME
ANYMORE.
NOT THAT I
BLAME HIM.







...THE TWO ISHTARS.





I
ALREADY
KNOW.

LEENE
BLACKMAILED
YOU INTO
MAKING
SOME SORT
OF
SUICIDE
PACT,
RIGHT?



WHAT?

!?



...BUT I
WANTED TO
APOLOGIZE
FOR WHAT
HAPPENED
LAST YEAR.
I OWE YOU
AN EXPLA-
NATION.



I
KNOW...

...THAT
THIS IS
SOMETHING
I SHOULD
HAVE SAID
AWHILE
AGO...



...THIS
EVENING
HAS
GOTTEN
REALLY
FREAKING
WEIRD.

NO
DOUBT
ABOUT
IT...

I
THINK
PHELIOS
MAY HAVE
BEEN
RESURRECTED!
THISH
GUY AT
THE BAR
SAYS HE'S
MY
DADDY!



HAVEN'T
YOU?

I'VE
GOTTEN
USED TO
HER
PULLING
MY
STRINGS.



WHEN
WE WERE
KIDS,
YOU AND
I USED
TO JOKE
ABOUT
HOW SHE
VIEWED
US AS
TOYS.

TO
HER,
YOU
AND
I ARE
NOTHING
SHORT
OF LIVING
DOLLS
FOR HER
TO BEND
TO HER
EVERY
WHIM.



...EVEN IF IT'S
NOT WITH
HIM.



...HOW CAN
HE GIVE UP
ON HER SO
EASILY?

IF
VORD
REALLY
LOVES
ISHTAR...



GO
HOME?!
ARE YOU
NUTS?!



HE'S
LETTING
GO...

HE'S
LETTING HER
GO, BECAUSE
SHE DOESN'T
LOVE HIM.

...YOU'VE
NEVER...



I
WON'T
GIVE
UP.

I WON'T
GIVE UP
ON YOU,
YUUJEL.

BECAUSE
I KNOW...



HE WANTS
HER TO BE
HAPPY...

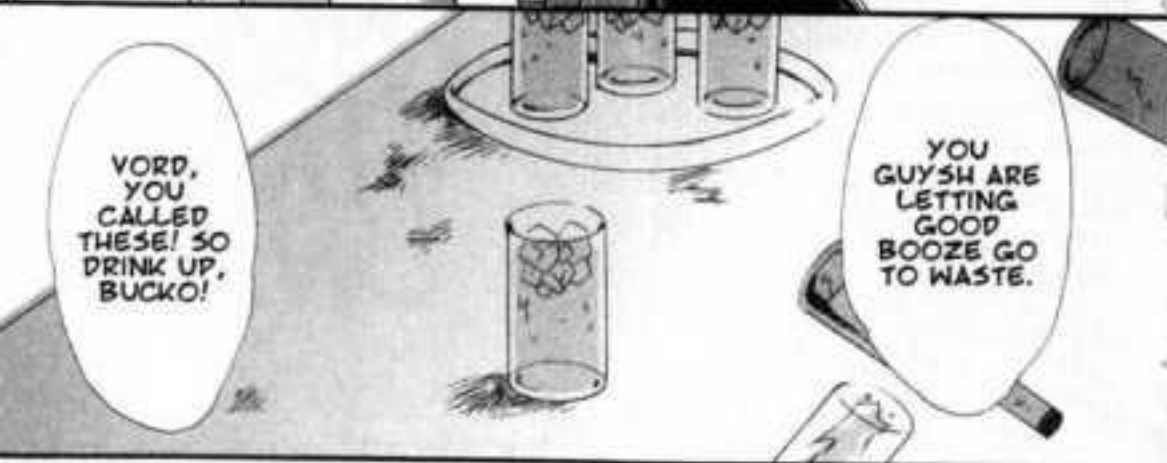


...BECAUSE HE
LOVES HER.



HOW
LUCKY
HE IS?

WELL,
LET ME
SAY THIS.
IF HE
DOESN'T
REALIZE
HOW
LUCKY HE
IS TO HAVE
YOU, THEN
HE'S NOT
WORTH
IT.



VORD,
YOU
CALLED
THESE! SO
DRINK UP,
BUCKO!

YOU
GUYSH ARE
LETTING
GOOD
BOOZE GO
TO WASTE.



WELL, I
HAVEN'T
EITHER.

...BEEN WITH
SOMEONE
YOU'RE IN LOVE
WITH. HAVE YOU,
MY LOVE?



LET ME
GUESS,
YOU'RE ONE
OF THOSE
SAD DRUNKS,
AREN'T
YOU?

SOMETHING
WRONG?





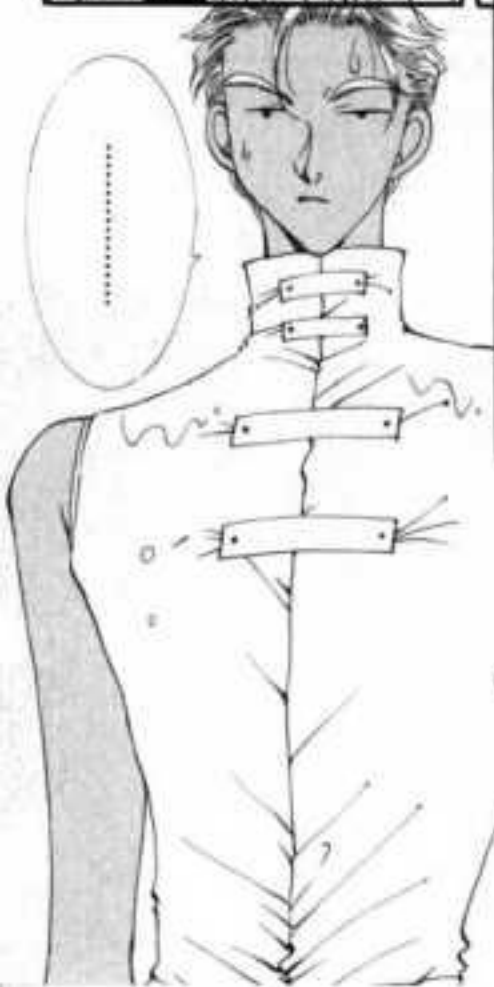


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FALAN? SO
ISHTAR'S BEEN
TALKING TO HER
COUSIN ALL THIS
TIME...

I JUST FIGURED
SHE WAS WASTED
ENOUGH TO TRY
CARRYING ON A
CONVERSATION
WITH HER
REFLECTION.



SORRY
ABOUT
THAT.



THE
BROKEN
GLASSES
ARE AT
THE
BOTTOM
OF THE
BILL.

YOUR
FRIENDS
ARE QUITE
CHARMING,
SIR.



COME
AGAIN.
OR NOT.

AND
DON'T
FORGET
YOUR
MIRROR.



WHAT
MIRROR?

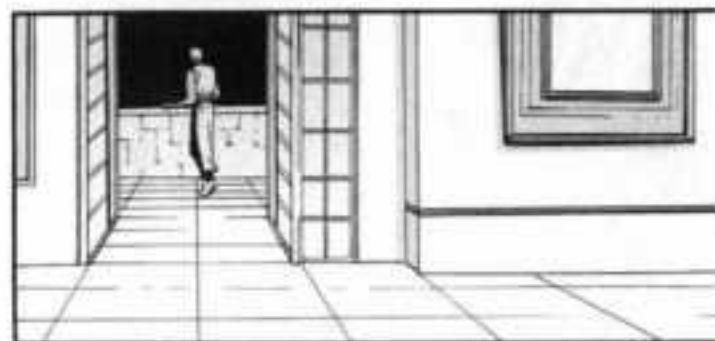


I FEEL SO USELESS! I CAN'T DO ANYTHING. SERIOUSLY, VORD, I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO SADDLE A HORSE.

I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW EASY I HAD IT BEFORE. MY FATHER KEPT ME SO SHELTERED.



HI, VORD! DID ISHTAR FINALLY PASS OUT?



VORD...

...I CAN EMBROIDER AND CROCHET LIKE NO ONE ELSE, BUT I'M UTTERLY USELESS WHEN IT COMES TO PRACTICAL SKILLS.

DAD...

...SAW TO IT THAT I NEVER HAD TO LIFT A FINGER.



NOT QUITE.



I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.



DON'T WORRY. YOU'LL FIGURE THINGS OUT.



I'M GOOD.

THINGS HAVE BEEN HARD, BUT WE'RE MANAGING TO GET BY.



HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?



!!



FALAN...



DON'T WORRY ABOUT US!
WE'LL MANAGE. I CAN'T KEEP ASKING PEOPLE TO BAIL ME OUT.

YOU JUST KEEP ISHTAR OUT OF TROUBLE. SHE REALLY LIKES YOU, YOU KNOW.



AND IN THE MEANTIME, I CAN KNIT SWEATERS!

WELL, I WISH YOU LUCK, SIR VORD.

GOOD NIGHT.

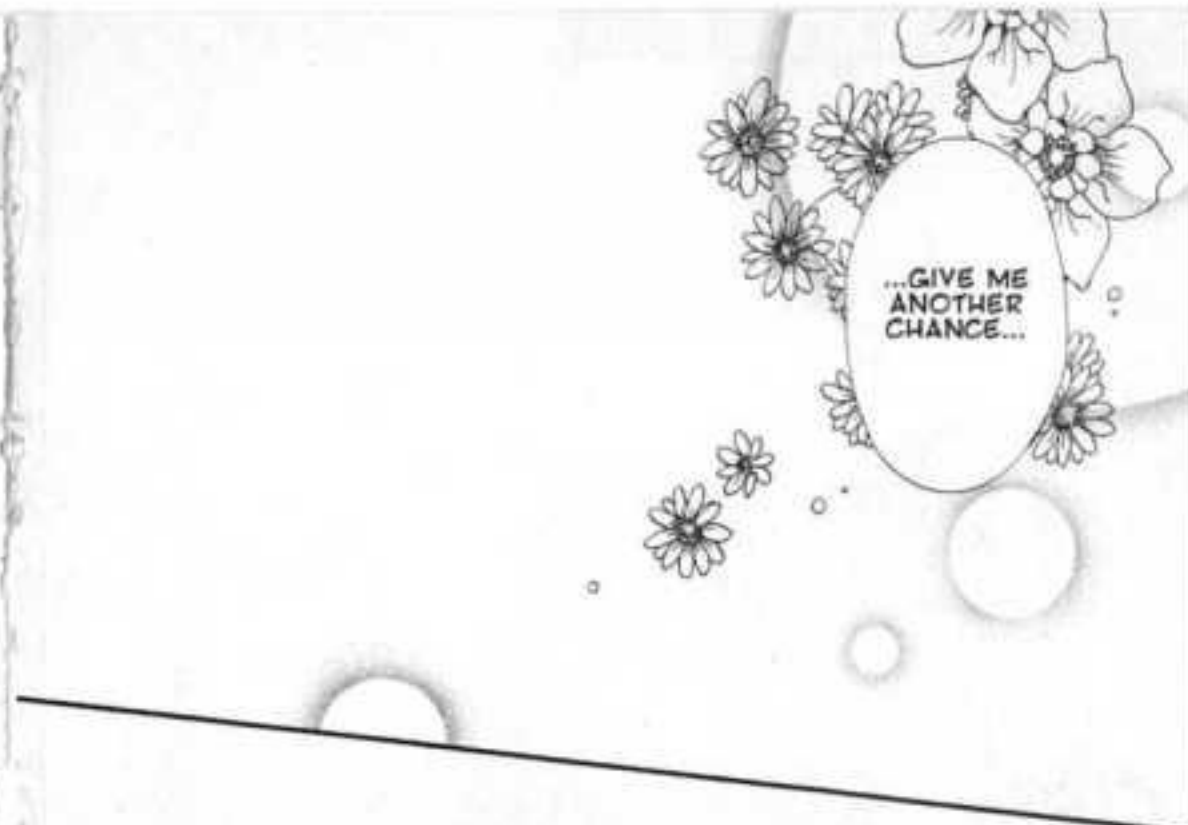
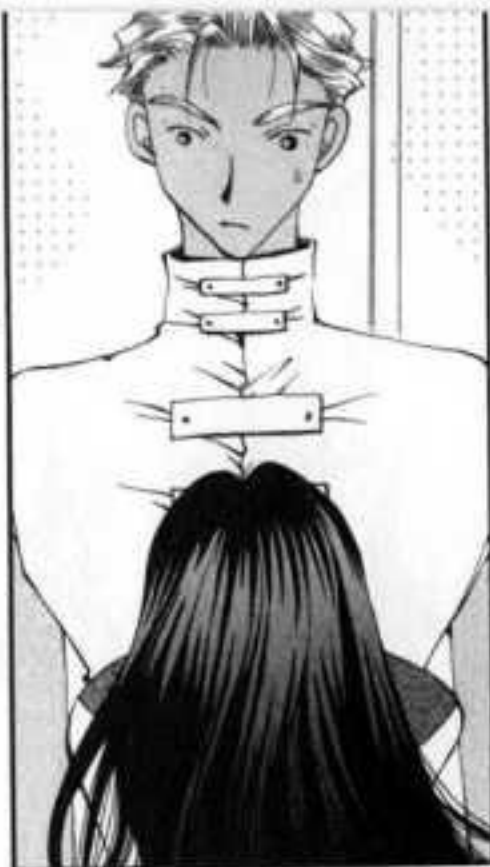
IF YOU EVER NEED ANY HELP... OR ANYTHING...

...I'D BE HAPPY TO...UH...

WAIT, FALAN!



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I THINK I'LL
HEAD BACK TO
CI XENETH.
THERE'S
SOMEONE
THERE IN
NEED OF
MY HELP.
AND I
NEED
HERS.



SO,
I'LL
JUST
SAY
GOOD
LUCK.

AND WITH ALL
THE TROUBLE
YOU'VE CAUSED
US, I'M NOT
ABOUT TO SAY
THANK YOU.

I DON'T
THINK
WE'RE AT
FAREWELL
YET.



WHAT?!



FORGET
IT.

TO TELL
THE TRUTH,
I'M MORE
UPSET
ABOUT
THE WASTE
OF GOOD
MEAD.



EVEN
FALAN
SAID
SO.

BESIDES...

...IT'S MY
FAULT YOU
WERE OUT
DRINKING IN
THE FIRST
PLACE.



I'M
LEAVING,
PRINCESS.

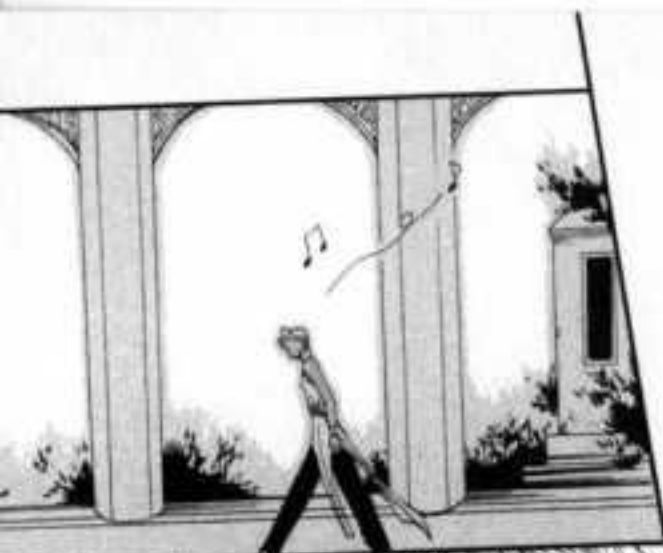


YOUR
COUSIN
AND I HAD A
LONG
TALK
LAST
NIGHT.

THAT'S
THE
ONE.



HUH?
FALAN?!



I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU SLAPPED PRINCESS ISHTAR!



AS THE WIFE OF A GENERAL, YOU HAVE A DUTY TO BEHAVE YOURSELF!



LEENE'S MARRIED? NO WAY!

THE POOR GUY MUST HAVE BEEN ABUSED AS A CHILD.



BYE?

GOOD LUCK, DARRES.



TAKE CARE, YOUR MAJESTY.







SHE
LOVES
SOMEONE
ELSE?



YEAH.

SHE'S A REAL
SWEETHEART,
AND WE'VE
BECOME
PRETTY
GOOD
FRIENDS.



NEW
GIRL?!

ALREADY?



SO,
I'M
MOVING
ON. EVEN
IF THE NEW
GIRL I'VE
SET MY
SIGHTS ON
HAS ZERO
INTEREST
IN ME...



WELL...



...I'M KINDA
GETTING SICK
OF CHASING
HER FROM
ONE SIDE OF
PHELIOSTA TO
THE OTHER.

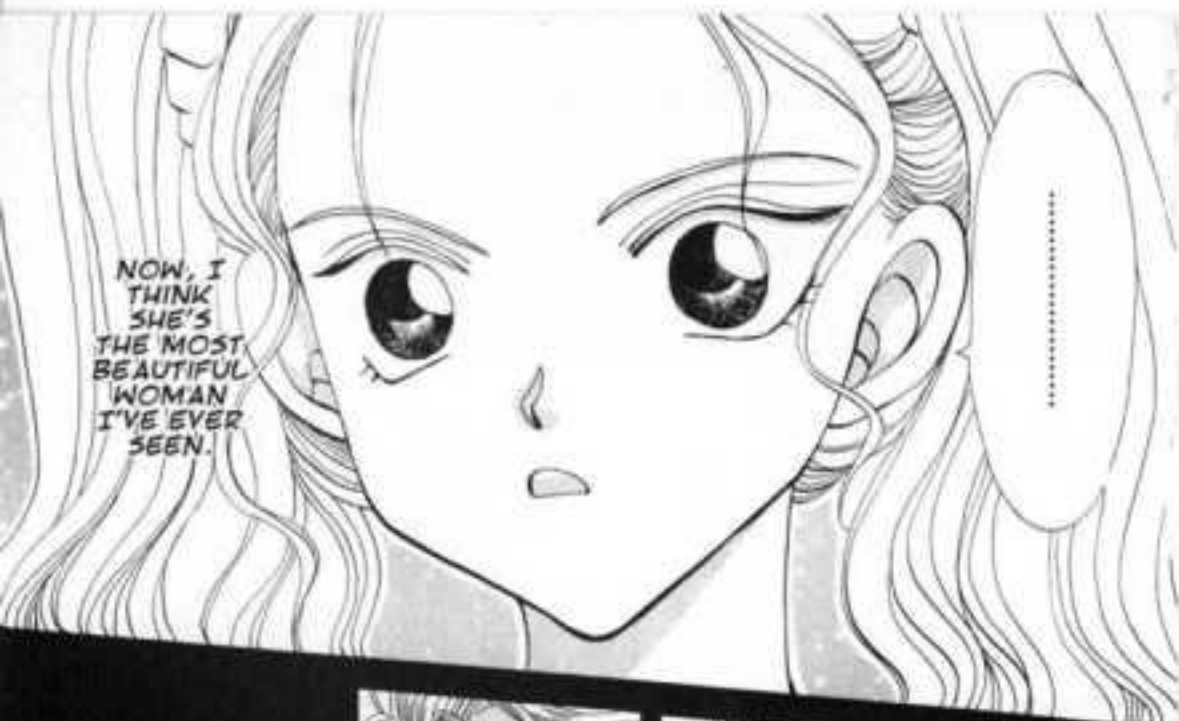


AND
SHE'S IN
LOVE
WITH
SOMEBODY
ELSE.



ANYWAY...

...SO YOU'RE
REALLY
GIVING UP
ON LADY
ISHTAR?



NOW, I
THINK
SHE'S
THE MOST
BEAUTIFUL
WOMAN
I'VE EVER
SEEN.

.....



HUH.



WELL,
GOOD
LUCK.

THANKS,
LEENE.



WOW!
YOU
SURE
DON'T
WASTE
ANY
TIME.



FIGURED
SHE
COULD USE
A GOOD
FRIEND TO,
UM,
COMFORT
HER.

I CAN
COMFORT
A LADY
ALL
NIGHT,
YOU
KNOW.



IT'S
FUNNY...

...AT FIRST
I WASN'T
INTO HER
AT ALL,
BUT SHE'S
GROWN
ON ME.

NOW,
I THINK
SHE'S THE
MOST
BEAUTIFUL
WOMAN
I'VE EVER
SEEN.



ASHLEY, WE
HAVE TO
STOP HER!



I THINK
SHE MAY
HAVE TRIED
POISONING
SOMEONE
LAST
NIGHT.



POISON?!



BELIEVE
ME, NO ONE
TAKES THE
SAFETY OF
THE
PRINCESS
MORE
SERIOUSLY
THAN I DO.
I'VE TAKEN
STEPS TO
KEEP
EVERYBODY
SAFE...

...FROM MY
WIFE.



MAN, I STILL
CAN'T BELIEVE
SHE'S MAR-
RIED.

O-KAY,
THIS IS
KINDA
AWKWARD...

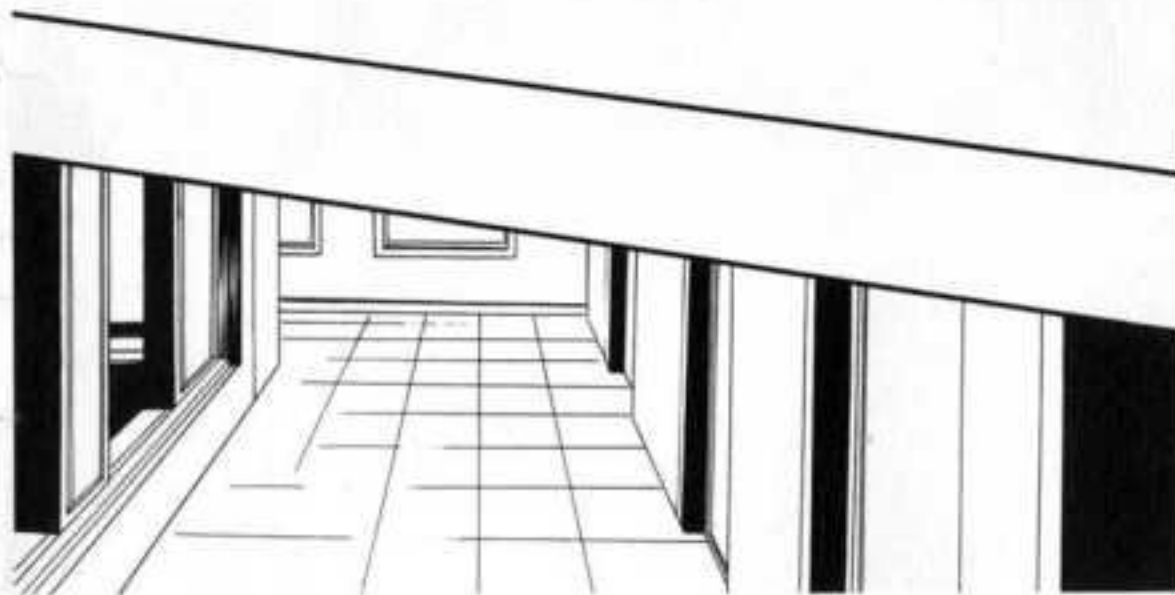
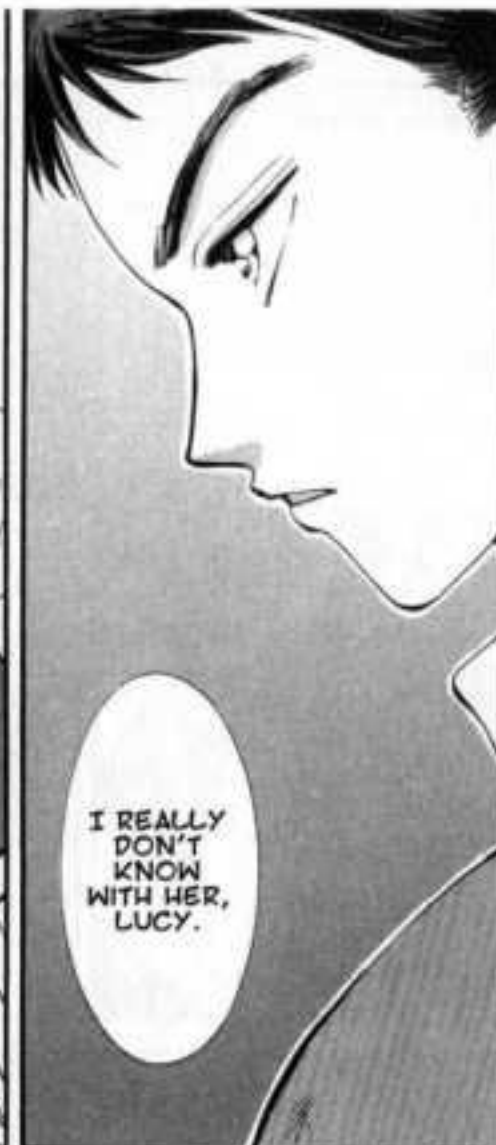
WHAT?
IS SHE
WAITING
FOR A
HUG OR
SOMETHING?

?



SHE'S BEEN
ASKING ME
ABOUT
POISONS
LATELY.

I KNOW
WHAT
LEENE'S
UP TO.





WHO ARE
YOU IN
LOVE
WITH?

LISTEN
CLOSELY...

...BECAUSE
YOUR LIFE
DEPENDS
ON IT.

NO MORE
GAMES,
PRINCESS.
I WANT A
REAL
ANSWER.



BUT
WHAT
WORRIES
ME...

...IS THAT
OUR DEAR
PRINCESS
ISHTAR...



...SEEMS TO
HAVE TAKEN
QUITE AN
INTEREST IN
HER.

.....



BUT HER
LOVER...

TRYING
TO HURT
HER
OBVIOUSLY
ISN'T
WORKING.

THAT'S IT!
OH, LEENE,
YOU'RE A
GENIUS!

LOOK, I'M
REALLY TRYING
TO BE A FRIEND
TO YOU, BUT IF
YOU DON'T
WANT IT,
MAYBE
THERE'S
SOMEONE
ELSE VYING
FOR YOUR MAN
THAT WILL!

YOU
KNOW,
I'M NOT
SURE
THAT
THERE
IS.

HMM...

IS
THERE?

I'VE GOT ONE
LAST PILL...

I'D
BETTER
MAKE IT
COUNT.

SORRY...

...BUT THAT'S
PRIVILEGED
INFORMATION,
LEENE.
I CAN'T
TELL YA.

GODDAMMIT,
ISHTAR!
I SAID
NO MORE
GAMES!!

BUT WHAT'S
WITH ALL
THE DRAMA?
"YOUR LIFE
DEPENDS
ON IT"?
YEESH!



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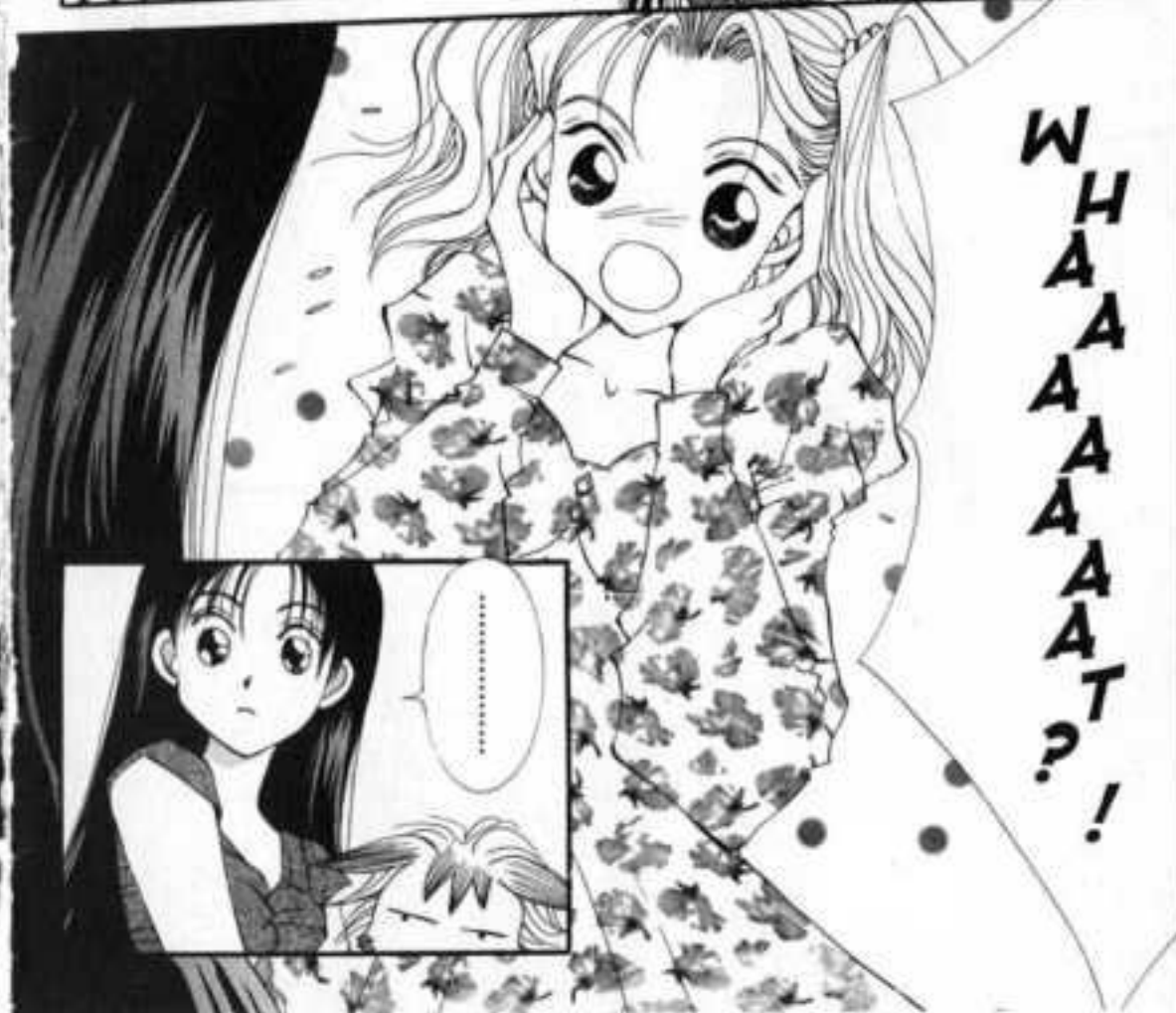
ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT,
DUZIE?



YUUJEL?



OH YEAH!
SIR YUUJEL,
THE PRINCE
OF ZI ALDA.



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?!





I WANTED
THERE
TO BE NO
MISUNDER-
STANDING.

THIS IS
YUUJEL'S
FIRST AND
LAST
REQUEST TO
YOU AS
YOUR LORD.

I MAY NOT
BE ABLE TO
CONVINCE
YOU OF HIS
WISDOM...



MY LADY
IS CLEARLY
NOT OF
SOUND
MIND!
WHERE'S
HER
BLOODY
DOCTOR?!



I
KNEW
YOU'D
BE
UPSET.



AND THAT'S
WHY I
ALLOWED
YOU TO
READ MY
WILL WHILE
I'M STILL
ALIVE.

IT SOUNDS LIKE THE
SOAP OPERA OF THE
CENTURY...AND I'M
MISSING IT!

YUJEL'S
WISH?
LADY SONIA'S
WILL?



SO,
IF ANY
OF YOU
GENTLEMEN
HAVE
ANYTHING
ELSE TO
SAY...
...SPEAK NOW
OR FOREVER
HOLD YOUR
PEACE.



AND I WILL
DECIDE...

...HOW
MY LANDS
WILL BE
DISPOSED OF
AFTER I'M
GONE.





LADY SONIA, AS ALWAYS, YOU HAVE MY FULL SUPPORT AND THE SUPPORT OF ALL THOSE UNDER MY COMMAND.



...FOR BOTH LADY ISHTAR AND FOR THE KINGDOM OF PHELIOSTA.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YUUJEL IS DOING THIS OUT OF HIS DEEP LOVE...



THANK YOU, ASHLEY. I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU.



YUUJEL DOESN'T LOVE THE SAME PERSON AS ISHTAR. YUUJEL IS IN LOVE WITH ISHTAR HERSELF!



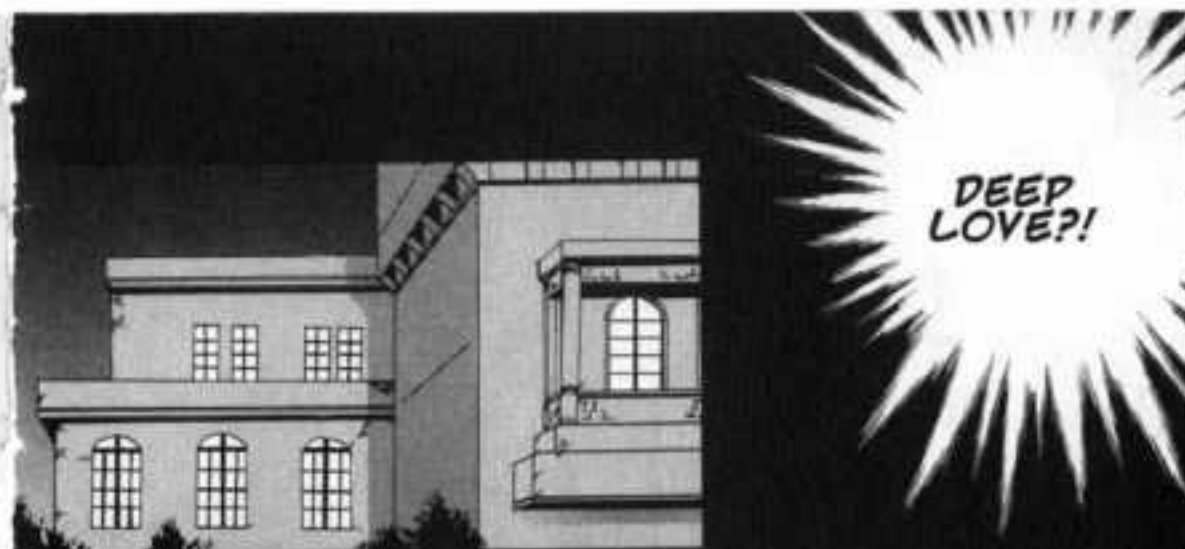
OR THAT HE
HAD SIMPLY
BEEN SEDUCED
BY HER
FUTURE AS
QUEEN OF
PHELIOSTA.

I WAS
HOPING SHE
WAS JUST A
PHASE, LIKE
THE REST OF
HIS FLINGS.



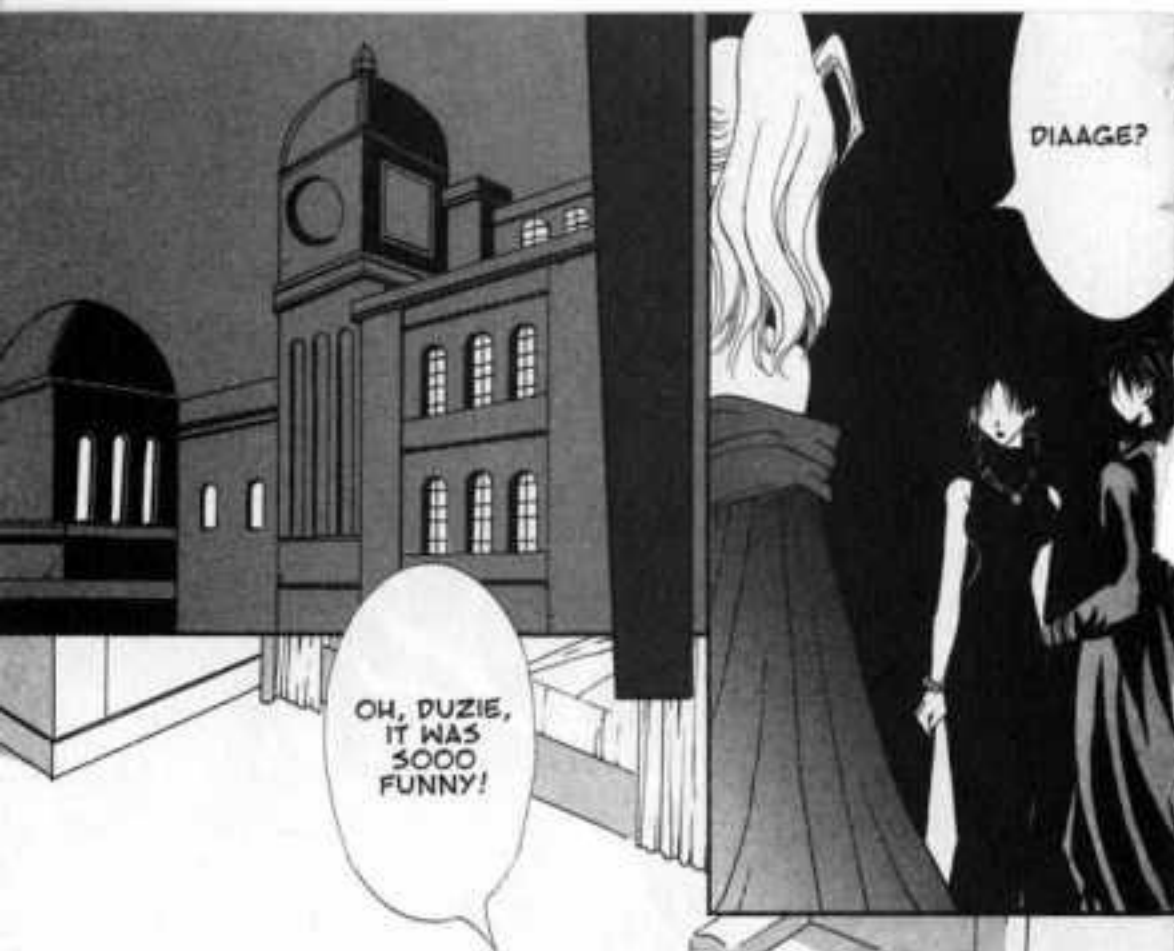
NO, I
DIDN'T!

I SUSPECTED,
BUT I DIDN'T
KNOW FOR
SURE.



DEEP
LOVE?!









...WOULD HER
LOVE FOR ME
CHANGE?

IF DARRES
WERE TO DIE
TODAY...

I
WONDER...



IT'S
DIFFERENT,
BUT I
LOVE YOU
JUST AS
MUCH!

OF
COURSE
I DO,
SILLY.

LIKE YOU
LOVE
DARRES?

SHE STILL
TREATS ME
LIKE A
GIRLFRIEND.
OR A PET...

DIFFERENT...



YOU'RE GOING BACK TO PHELIOSTA AFTER THE PARTY.

WHO KNOWS WHEN WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN?!

COME ON, DARRES. LIVE A LITTLE.

YOU CAN GO, DARRES. I HAVE DUZIE TO PROTECT ME!

And if that doesn't work, there's Jill and Keel.

I'M ON DUTY!

I CAN'T GO!



ISHTAR...

...I THINK I--

I TOLD YOU! I JUST CAN'T!!



C'MON,
DARRES!
I DO
BELIEVE THE
PRINCESS
GAVE YOU
AN ORDER.

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THANK
YOU,
YOUR
MAJESTY.



LADY
ISHTAR,
STAY
OUT
OF
THIS!



...STAY
HERE WITH
AUNT
SONIA FOR
AS LONG AS
SHE NEEDS
YOU.

YUJINN,
I'LL LET
DARRES GO
WITH YOU
NOW...

...AS LONG
AS YOU
PROMISE
TO...



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AND I DO
BELIEVE WE
HAVE A LITTLE
EAVESDROPPING
TO DO.



WHAT
DO YOU
SAY? DO
WE HAVE
A DEAL?



SHE MAY
JUST
MAKE
A MESS
OF
THINGS.

DO YOU
REALLY
THINK WE
CAN COUNT
ON HER?

SHE
SEEMS A
BIT...
UNSTABLE.

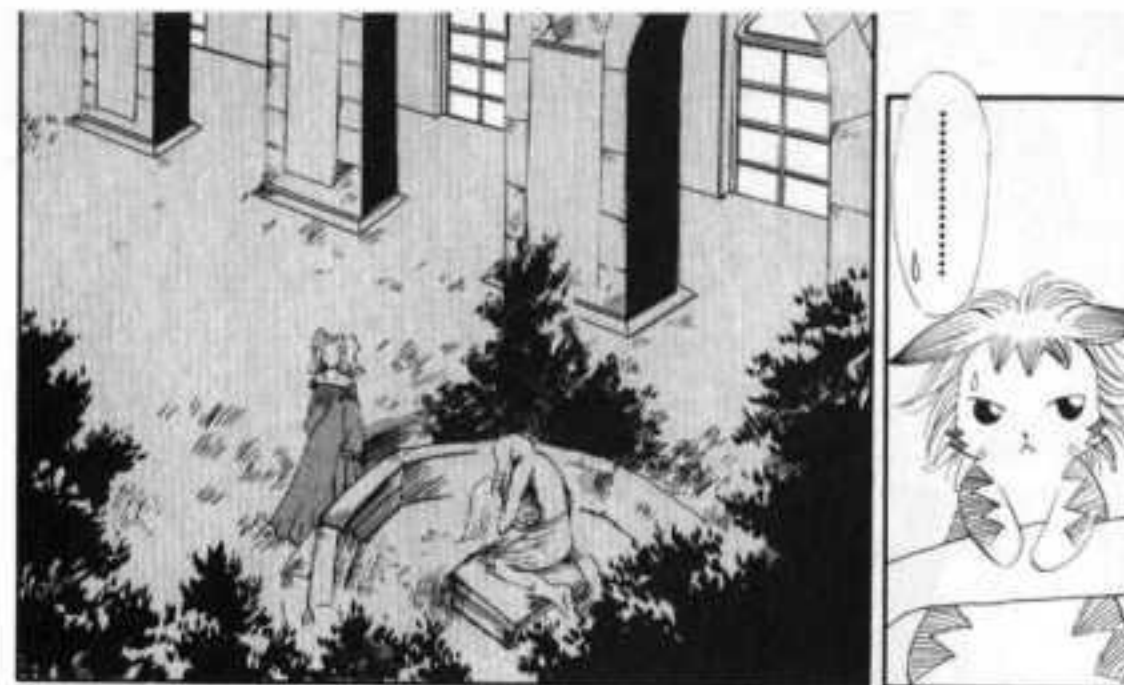
HMM...



I'M
COUNTING
ON IT.

I HAVE FAR
LOFTIER
GOALS THAN
THAT.

IF I
WANTED
ISHTAR DEAD,
SHE'D HAVE HAD
A TOUCHING
FUNERAL
AGES AGO.



...BUT
ISHTAR'S
GETTING THE
BLACK PILL
TONIGHT!
I SWEAR!

I KNOW!

I
SCREWED
UP!

I
COULDN'T
GO
THROUGH
WITH THE
FIRST TWO
PILLS...



OH,
LASSEN,
DON'T BE
SUCH A
PILL.



WITH
SONIA SICK,
CONTROL OF
ZI ALDA IS
RIPE FOR THE
SEIZING. AND
WITH THE
MIGHT OF
ASHLEY'S
ARMY
BEHIND
ME...

...THE FIVE
KINGDOMS
WILL FALL,
ONE BY
ONE.

...OFTEN
GO
ASTRAY.

...NOT TO
MENTION
VAMPIRES...

AH,
DIAAGE,
REMEMBER
THAT THE
SIMPLEST
PLANS OF
MICE AND
MEN...



HOLDING
ISHTAR'S
HAND IN THE
MOONLIGHT.



IT'S ONE
OF THOSE
MOMENTS
YOU WISH
COULD LAST
FOREVER.

AND KEEP
IN MIND,
FOR A
VAMPIRE,
FOREVER
IS A VERY
LONG TIME.



...BUT
RUN AWAY
FROM MY
PROBLEMS.

MOTHER...

...ALL MY
LIFE, I'VE
DONE
NOTHING...

MY
RESPONSIBILITY
TO ZI ALDA, MY
DIFFICULTIES
WITH LEENE...

EVERYTHING.

WHEN THE
GOING GOT
TOUGH, I
JUST TOOK
OFF.

I
SUPPOSE
THAT'S
TRUE.

WELL,
THAT
ENDS
NOW.

...SO I
SHOWED
HIM HOW
TO GET
THERE.

ASHLEY SAID
HE WANTED
TO TALK TO
DARRES...

YOU LEFT
SIR DARRES
AT ASHLEY'S
HOUSE?

MOTHER,
THERE'S
SOMETHING
YOU
SHOULD
KNOW.

WHAT FOR?

I PROMISED
PRINCESS
ISHTAR THAT
I'D STAY
HERE WITH
YOU FOR AS
LONG AS
YOU NEED
ME.

REALLY?



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FROM
NOW ON, I
PROMISE TO
STAY
BY YOUR
SIDE AND
FACE MY
PROBLEMS.



THANK
YOU
YUJEL.

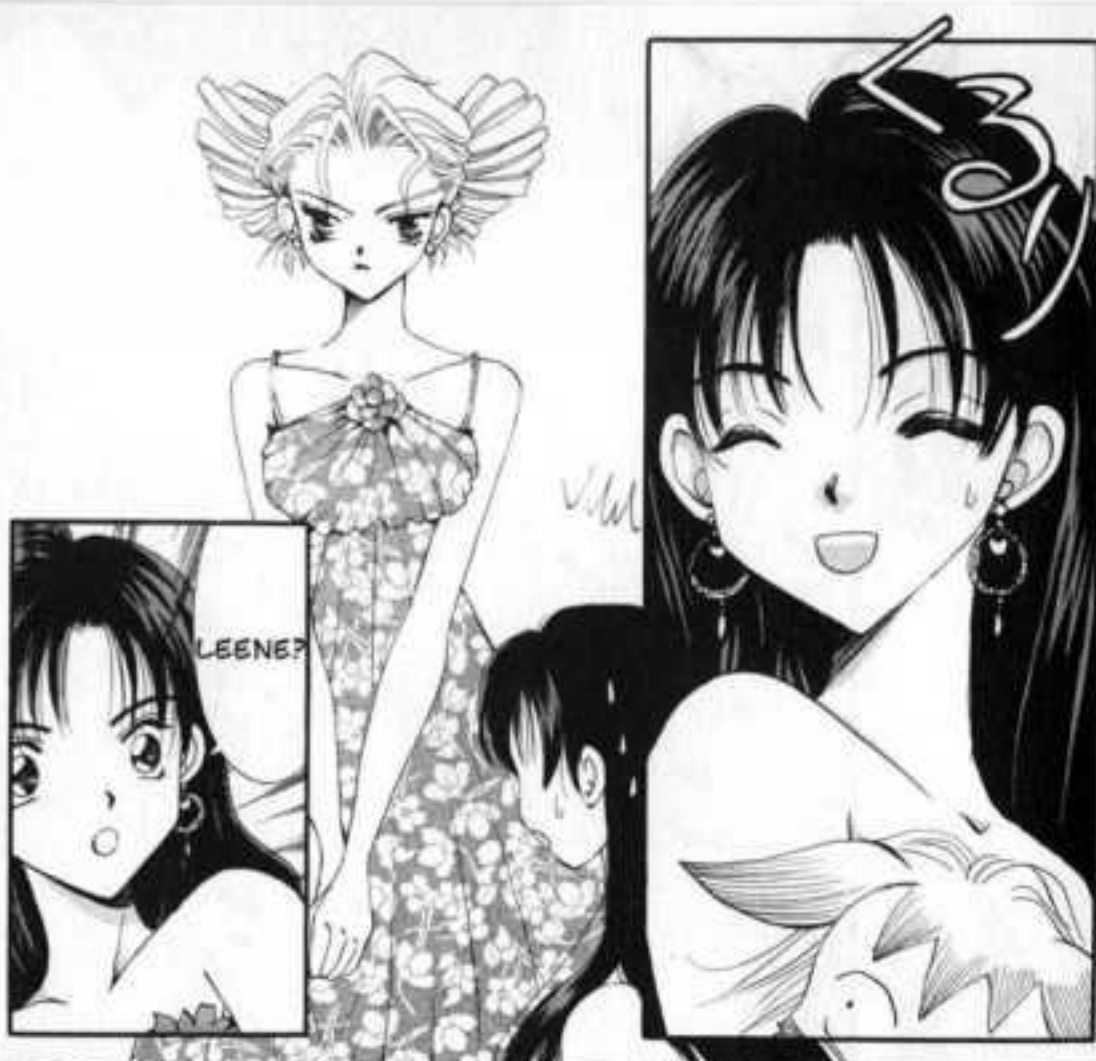


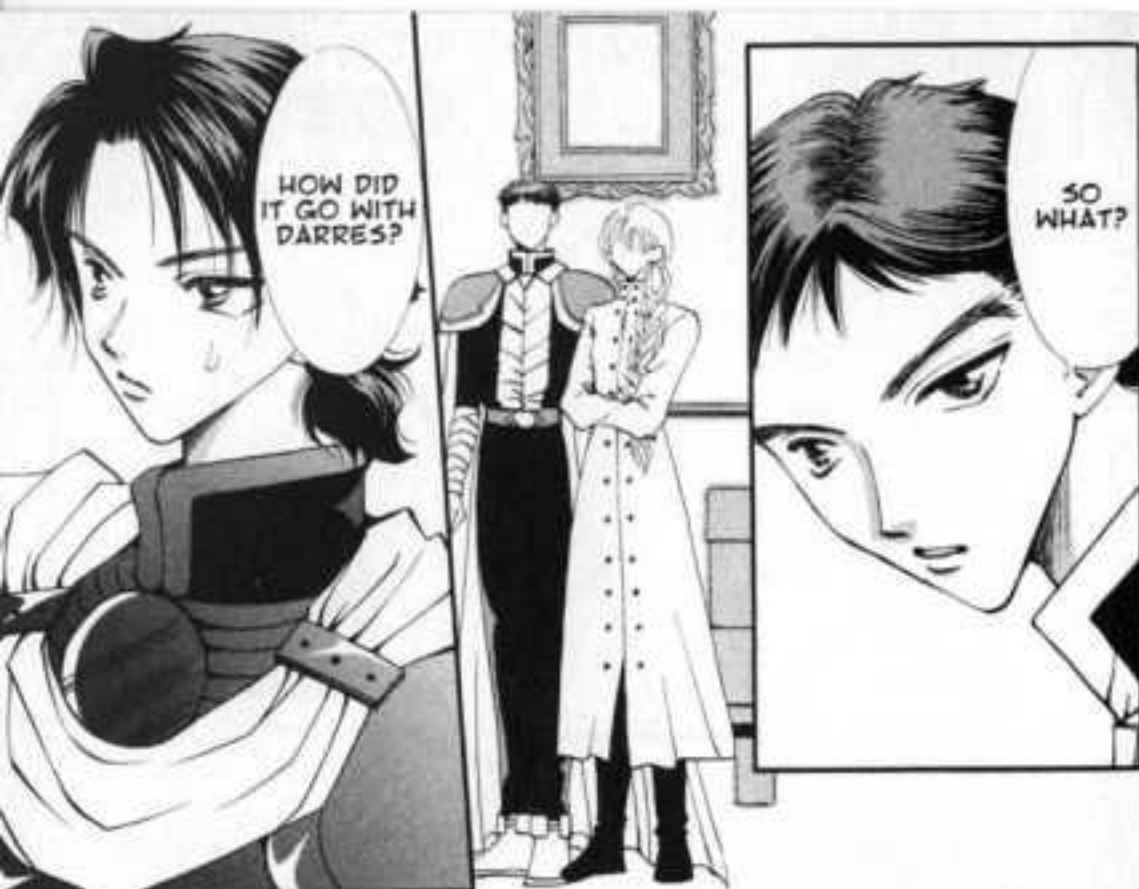
NO
MATTER
WHAT.



I ALREADY
TOLD YOU...













WHAT
AM I
DOING?

LEENE,
YOU OF ALL
PEOPLE SHOULD
KNOW WHY THAT
ISN'T SUCH A
GOOD IDEA.
AT LEAST NOT
IN PUBLIC.



...THE
WOMAN
THAT
YUUGEL
LOVES.

I'M
ABOUT TO
MURDER...



WHAT?



...I'LL
JUST
HAVE
SOME
JUICE.



I
GUESS...



A
DRINK?



HUH?
UH,
SURE.



YOUR
HIGHNESS,
CAN I
ASK YOU
SOMETHING?



HAVE
YOU
EVER
WANTED
TO KILL
SOMEONE?



THIS IS
MURDER
WE'RE
TALKING
ABOUT HERE!
AS SURELY AS
IF I CUT HER
THROAT AND
LET HER
BLOOD RUN
OVER MY
HANDS...

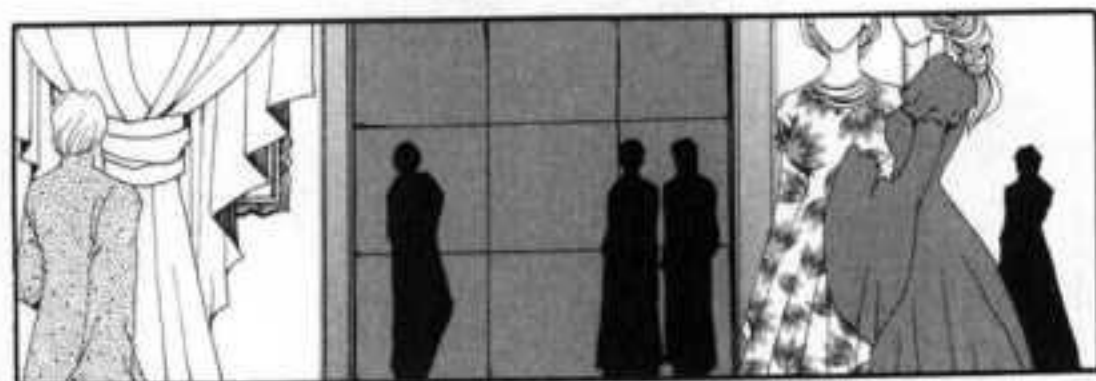


BE
RIGHT
BACK.
I, UH,
MUST'VE
SPACED
THERE FOR
A SECOND.
I'LL SEE IF
I CAN HUNT
DOWN SOME
JUICE...



LEENE?







AS A
GENERAL
OF ZI ALDA,
ASHLEY
SHOULD
REALIZE
THIS.



ASHLEY
SAID HE'S
TAKEN
MEASURES
TO KEEP
EVERYBODY
SAFE...



...BUT...



...WITH HIS WIFE
INVOLVED, I
CAN'T IMAGINE
HE'S PUT MUCH
EFFORT INTO IT.



...I MUST
STOP HER.
ISHTAR
MUST BE
PROTECTED
AT ANY COST.



IF LEENE
IS GOING
TO TRY
POISONING
THE
PRINCESS...



I DON'T
THINK SHE
KNOWS ANY
MAGIC...

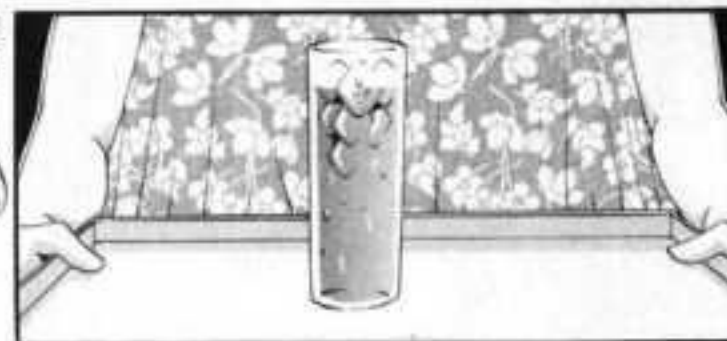
...AND SHE'S
TOO SHORT
TO STAB
ANYONE IN THE
BACK. UNLESS
SHE'S PLANNING
ON KILLING ONE
OF THE PALACE
DWARVES...



.....
!?



HEY
LEENE!



DUZIE,
IS IT
JUST
ME...

...OR WAS
LEENE
ACTING
PRETTY
STRANGE?

SHE'D
PROBABLY
USE POISON.
YEAH,
THAT WOULD
MAKE
SENSE.

HOW
WOULD
SHE DO
IT?



SHE
WAS
TALKING
ABOUT
KILLING
PEOPLE.
I
WONDER
IF SHE
HAS...











POISON?!

WHO WOULD DARE?!



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!!





Lucy



LUCY IS YUJINN'S CLOSE FRIEND AND ASHLEY'S ADVISOR.

Ashley



THIS IS GENERAL ASHLEY OF ZI ALDA.

Hello!



THIS IS VAMPIRE GAME VOLUME 9!

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL MY READERS!



She's 5'4", 2 in. and 95 lbs.

SHE'S 23 YEARS OLD, STANDS 5 FT. 8 IN. TALL AND WEIGHS 128 LBS.

...BUT LEENE IS 33 POUNDS LIGHTER!

LUCY IS SIX INCHES TALLER THAN LEENE...



HE'S 6 FT. TALL AND WEIGHS 170 LBS!

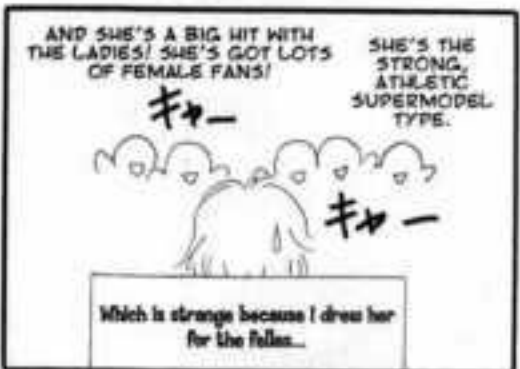
WE'RE ALL THE SAME AGE!

HE'S 23 YEARS OLD.



I HOPE YOU'RE JOKING!

WE SURE HAVE BEEN SEEING A LOT OF LEENE LATELY! SOME OF YOU ARE PROBABLY WONDERING IF SHE'S THE NEW STAR OF THIS SERIES!



AND SHE'S A BIG HIT WITH THE LADIES! SHE'S GOT LOTS OF FEMALE FANS!

SHE'S THE STRONG, ATHLETIC SUPERMODEL TYPE.

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Which is strange because I drew her for the folks...



...CALM AND EMINENTLY CAPABLE. HE ALWAYS LOOKS...

DUDE, YOU LOOK LIKE SOMEONE DIED LOOSEN UP!

This one, however, just looks like an idiot.



?

NOTHING'S CHANGED BETWEEN ISHTAR AND DARRES...



WELL, LUCY'S NOT THE SCREAMING TYPE...

JUDES, BABY, HOW COULD YOU NOT SEE THIS? SHE JUST SCREAMS FEMALE EMPOWERMENT!

EVEN MY EDITOR SAID:



BUT THERE'S A LOT I COULD SAY ABOUT HIS WIFE...

THAT'S ABOUT ALL I CAN SAY ABOUT ASHLEY.

Have you seen me?



...BUT I SENSE SOME COLD SHOWERS IN HIS FUTURE!

AND AS FOR DUZELL, WELL, CATS DON'T LIKE WATER...

Postscript

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VAMPIRE GAME

Next issue...



Lady Leene's thinking homicide. Darres and Ashloy are thinking defense. Duzell is thinking life was so much simpler as a cat, and Ishtar just isn't thinking period in our next volume of Vampire Game. Leene's established a real love/hate relationship with Princess Ishtar. When she's not feeling sorry for the princess, she's plotting to kill her. And with the final poison pill, she has the ultimate murder weapon. Unaware that her life is in danger, Ishtar continues to enjoy her trip to Zi Alda, but with murder on everyone's mind, you know this little visit will turn violent. Will Ashloy find the strength to stand against his wife? Will he be able to protect both the princess and Lady Sonia? Will he dump Lady Leene for a girl without issues? Castle corruption and thoughts of destruction all come to a head as the Zi Alda arc reaches its tragic, touching and more than a little warped conclusion!

Finally...



Kuroron



I don't get it...and I'm the person who drew it!

VAMPIRE GAME™

Life in Pheliosta can be downright toxic, especially if you're friends with Lady Leene. With three very poisonous pills in her possession and thoughts of revenge on her mind, Leene is set to deliver a deadly dose of destruction to all that Princess Ishtar holds dear. There's just one problem: Leene's really not very good at vengeance, and the fact that she's actually beginning to like Ishtar certainly isn't helping matters...

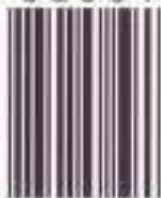


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